

MANY VICTIMS MOURN GLIB SOLICITOR

No Hope for Biographies
and Photographs In
Special Edition
LEAVES TRAIL OF
BAD CHECKS BEHIND
Editor Is Said to Have Been
Victimized to Extent
of \$400

(Special to the Farmer.)
Westport, March 7.—The duplicity of a solicitor for a special "Old Home" edition of a local newspaper, with its attendant financial blows to a number of the old families here, has caused wailing and gnashing of teeth many homes here. A collection of checks, whose beautiful chirography is marred by the endorsement, "not good" adds to the general disorder, and enhances the grief that was occasioned by the failure of the glib and well groomed solicitor.

During the early fall it was announced that the Westport-Herald, of which W. G. Jones is the proprietor, had arranged for a special holiday number, which was to be printed upon special paper and to contain pictures of the most prominent personages, editors and individuals in the town. It was a general stranger, introduced himself to many in the city as the special arranger of the advertising and news. His appeals for ready response and advertising and pictures as well as genealogies are said to have poured in for the forthcoming publication.

So appalled was the scheme that Bentley was the social, as well as a financial lion of the little town and was entertained lavishly.

Though the publication did not come from the press at Christmas time, little was thought of the incident for almost a year. Van Winkle live in the fastnesses of the Catskills for twenty years and finally return to civilization. Then, too, Westport is accustomed to delays in getting bridges and other like improvements.

But the absence of Bentley was not a surprise. It was known that he had been known a few days since that N. Bush, the general cafe proprietor, had in his possession a letter of Bentley from Bentley. This was in the form of a check for \$40 drawn upon the Green-which Savings Bank which had been returned with the bank's endorsement, "not good."

As soon as the news spread, it was soon learned that Bush was to be denied commiseration in his losses, for Arthur G. Sawyer, proprietor of the Westport Inn and formerly superintendent of streets in Bridgeport, had a like souvenir valued at \$25. Other checks or similar denominations were in evidence at the advance guard of the weapons society met about the big stove that night.

These were but the generals in the gloom-ary. Bentley has since been sent Westport for there is a regiment which bewails the passing of their special edition publicity, and the extent of their hurt feelings can only best be estimated by the fact that whose ear has been filled with telephone calls to ascertain when the "special" will be forthcoming.

When interviewed by a reporter for The Farmer today, Editor Jones refused to either affirm or deny that his own losses in the transaction will total over \$400, or to add to the explanations he has already given to many irate Westport residents.

Bentley has not been seen in Westport since the first of the year.

PRESIDENT'S WIFE URGED TO ASK FOR WAKEFIELD PARDON

Hartford, March 7.—A letter sent to Mrs. Wilson, wife of the President of the United States, asking her to request her husband to intervene for the life of Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, who is at the state prison under sentence of death, has been received by the governor's office in the capital.

That Mrs. Wilson brought it to the attention of the President and that he took at least semi-official cognizance of it is shown by the fact that he turned the matter over to the national department of justice under the jurisdiction of the attorney general. The letter was written to Mrs. Wilson by Mrs. William T. Hall, of Melvern, Chester county, Pa. It was sent to the executive department of this state by the department of justice in Washington, and is as follows:

"Ask your husband to use his influence with Governor Simon D. Baldwin to pardon or commute the sentence of Mrs. Bessie Wakefield to life imprisonment."

In conclusion, the letter says: "I think for the sake of those little innocent children something should be done. I hope you will not think me bold in writing to you but as you are a woman I thought you would know best what to do."

Earle's Character Is Described As Bizarre

Remorantin, France, March 7.—A declaration that Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the American artist, was not only a criminal under the French law for abducting his wife, but was wholly unfitted to be the youth's guardian, was made today by Max Botton, the lawyer representing Mme. Fischbacher, first wife of Earle and mother of the boy.

NO NEW STATION FOR NEW HAVEN, AT LEAST, FOR YEARS

New Haven, March 7.—Fears of New Haven citizens that they would not get a new railroad station were confirmed today when Mayor Rice received a letter from President Hustis, of the road in which the statement was made that "owing to financial difficulties" the project had to be postponed for several years.

BOWERS, ASSOCIATE MELLEN COUNSEL TO AID IN LAW TEST

A test case which it is today rumored is backed by many of the hotel keepers in this city is being made to ascertain the legality of recent raids upon hotels in which it was alleged women were permitted to loiter in rooms where liquor was being sold.

The action began today when Thomas Tobin, the keeper of a hotel on Middle street, was arrested in the city court charged with keeping a resort in which women were found loitering on January 17. Counsel Fred A. Bartlett filed a demurrer to the general complaint, which was overruled. A specific complaint was then entered by Prosecuting Attorney Alfred Merritt in which the names of seven women taken in the raid were entered with particularities. Evidence was heard and a fine of \$150 imposed upon the proprietor. An appeal was entered and bonds of \$150 for appearance in the court on common pleas accepted.

It was later announced by attorneys for the defense that it was intended to make a test case of this to ascertain how far the law is broad enough to construe women eating or drinking in a restaurant adjoining a bar room as loitering. For this purpose the defense has employed to law a legal light than S. D. Bowers, associate counsel for Charles S. Mellen in the manslaughter case now being argued in the superior court and who is said to have prepared the papers for the United States government in the prosecution of the sugar cases which resulted in heavy fines being imposed upon numerous sugar planters and exporters.

SILVERLY VOICE OF LITTLE VINCENT IS STILLED FOREVER

No more will the happy laughter of little Vincent Curran thrill physicians and nurses at St. Vincent's hospital. Little Vincent, the pet of the institution died last night, a victim of plural pneumonia and whooping cough. Vincent was aged 2 years and 11 months and was considered one of the brightest children ever an inmate of the institution.

He was brought up there and when his first cooing laugh echoed through the maternity ward Vincent became an instant favorite with the attendants of the institution. Their love and affection seemed to increase for him and the sister who closed the child's eyes and folded his little hands across his breast when death had laid this little soul, wept unrestrainedly as she performed this last sad office.

Soon after the child was born, the mother who was registered at the institution as Louise, of Melvern, and her whereabouts are unknown. What little Vincent missed in mother love and care was made up in the attention of the good nurses, nurses and physicians of the hospital. When told of his death today many an attaché grieved as they would had one of their own been called for the long journey.

THIEVES CARRY OFF PHONE COIN BOX

A new method of burglarizing telephone slot machines has been recently perpetrated last night when the drug store of Wolf & Hitch, 458 East Main street, was entered by means of a key. The entire telephone outfit was taken away. It was estimated by the company from records at hand that the loss will run between \$4 and \$5.

Manslaughter Alleged

Mourant was held in \$1,000 today on the charge of manslaughter in causing the death of Luke Quinn. The accusation is that Mourant threw Quinn downstairs while they were scuffling.

Mourant testified in his own behalf, claiming that Quinn fell down the flight.

DISSATISFACTION AMONG LOCAL AUTO DEALERS

No action toward securing an injunction to prevent Hvass & Co., of New York, from carrying out the contract to furnish an automobile store by warranty deed to the city has yet been taken by Bridgeport automobile dealers. A number of the local dealers are dissatisfied with the award made by the Board of Contract and Supply. They claim that the contract was not awarded to the lowest bidder and that Hvass & Co.'s bid was not according to specifications.

BUSY MONTH FOR BRIDGEPORT

According to the Commercial Record, the number of sales of real estate by warranty deed in Bridgeport during the month of February was \$31. The number in 1913 for the same month was 132 and in 1912, 80. The total mortgages for the month were \$237,265. For the same month in 1913 \$386,806 and for February, 1912, \$245,748. The number of building permits granted in Bridgeport last month was 53 to cost \$154,682.

WILSON POLICY IN MEXICO TO START DEBATE

Senator Fall of New Mexico
to Urge Change in U. S.
Attitude

SECRET TREATY GAVE INTERVENTION RIGHT

Old Document Published for
Benefit of Statesmen in
Present Crisis

Washington, March 7.—State department officials have decided that the note recently presented by the Huerta government suggesting that on account of the Benton incident the United States should revoke the right it had extended to the constitutionalists to purchase arms in this country required no answer. The note was presented to the American government several days after copies of it had been transmitted to the diplomatic representatives of all other foreign governments.

The United States government is biding its time while the commission appointed by the constitutionalists to investigate the recent execution of Benton and the disappearance of Gustav Baugh makes a report. There is every prospect that the general subject of protection for American citizens and foreigners in Mexico will be the occasion of spirited debate in the Senate next Monday.

Senator Shively, ranking member of the foreign relations committee, has been in close touch with all the state department gatherings. He will uphold the administration's policy in the expected debate. Senator Fall, of New Mexico having announced his intention of advocating a change.

Additional interest in the Mexican situation, both present and past, was lent today by the publication of the details of a published treaty negotiated more than half a century ago, between the United States and the republic of Mexico, which, if ratified, would have authorized the United States "to intervene in support of its own treaty rights and the security of its own citizens whenever Mexico may be unable to guarantee the same without incurring the obligation or necessity of a general intervention in the domestic affairs of that country."

The treaty had been lying in the secret archives of the Senate committee on foreign relations since January, 1882. It was introduced into the record yesterday by the Senate and document ordered printed for the use of members of that body.

The treaty was signed by Vera Cruz, De la Riva, and Robert M. McLane, American minister to Mexico, and M. Camacho, secretary of state and foreign affairs at Mexico, and shortly after the introduction of the treaty by President Buchanan but it was never ratified by the United States because of confusion incident to the outbreak of the Civil War. Article 5 of the treaty reads as follows:

"The republic of Mexico agrees that should it become necessary at any time to employ military forces for the security and protection of persons and property residing in Mexico, or of the routes thereof, it will employ the requisite force for that purpose; but upon failure to do this from any cause it shall be the duty of the United States to intervene in support of the treaty."

In a communication transmitting the convention to the secretary of state, Chief Minister McLane warned that if the Senate failed to ratify the treaty further anarchy would exist in Mexico necessitating intervention. He says:

"I am persuaded if the government of the United States declines the responsibility imposed upon it by the adoption and ratification of this convention further anarchy will prevail in Mexico until it will be terminated by direct intervention from some quarter in the federal politics of Mexico or by an intervention of our own caused by some sudden and unforeseen provocation that will expose us to the responsibilities of a general war and a conquest that few would desire to undertake or consent to."

The fact that this convention was drawn up so long ago and never ratified removes all possibility of its ever becoming effective now, but its publication will prove interesting in the light of the present Mexican situation.

Van Buren Mansion May Be Summer Capitol

Albany, March 7.—The old Martin Van Buren mansion in Kinderhook, in which town Governor Glynn was born, may be turned into a summer state capitol. Assemblyman Haver today introduced a bill proposing the appropriation of \$35,000 for the purchase of the old mansion.

Declines London Call

New York, March 7.—The Rev. Dr. John Henry Jowett, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, has declined to accept the call to Union Chapel, a Congregational church in London.

ONE SIAMESE TWIN DIES WHEN SEVERED FROM BIRTHMATE

Paris, March 7.—Madeleine, the "Siamese twin" who was separated on Wednesday, from her sister, Suzanne, by means of a delicate surgical operation, died today of convulsions. Suzanne is recovering rapidly from the effects of the operation and the physicians say there is every possible chance of her living.

ARRANGEMENT FOR VANDERBLT BURIAL DELAYED BY FAMILY

Operation for Appendicitis
Too Great a Strain on
Heart

Owner of Biltmore Dies In
Washington Home, Wife
Prostrated

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Arrangements for the funeral of George W. Vanderbilt were delayed today pending conferences between his brother, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, and other members of the family. Efforts were being made to communicate with William K. Vanderbilt, who is abroad. Mr. George W. Vanderbilt of New York died yesterday afternoon of a pulmonary embolus, induced by a weakening of the heart. He was operated on for appendicitis ten days ago by Dr. James P. Mitchell. After the operation Mrs. Vanderbilt and Dr. Mitchell both announced that the patient was doing well, and two days ago it was said that the Vanderbilt family that Mr. Vanderbilt was "rapidly recovering."

Dr. Mitchell remained with his patient until the last. He said that the operation for appendicitis had proved too great a strain on the heart and the patient had not been able to rally. Mrs. Vanderbilt had been continuing to stay in attendance at the bedside. She died yesterday morning by her husband's sudden death.

VANDERBLT PICTURES MAY GO TO MUSEUM

New York, March 7.—It has long been understood in art circles of New York city that George W. Vanderbilt, who died in Washington yesterday, intended to leave to the Metropolitan Museum of Art the splendid collection of modern paintings gathered by his father, William H. Vanderbilt. The gem of the collection, one of the best known pictures in the world, is Millet's "The Sower." Other great artists represented in the collection are Alma-Tadema, Rosa Bonheur, Bouguereau, Corot, Melsionier and Turner.

George W. Vanderbilt was a grandson of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt and youngest of the four sons of the late William H. Vanderbilt, his elder brothers being Cornelius, William K. and Frederick W. He was born in New Dorp, S. I., 1852. His health being delicate as a boy his father had him prepared for Columbia by private tutors, and he was graduated from the university with honors.

It was soon made plain that Mr. Vanderbilt had not inherited the family taste and talent for business, but was more concerned with books, pictures and objects of art.

The "Commodore" bequeathed to him \$1,000,000, which, by the time he came into possession of it, had been carefully nursed into twice that amount. By the will of his father he inherited \$10,000,000. In accordance with the terms of the will, he was largely selected by his elder brother, Cornelius, under whose advice it grew to a much larger sum.

His mother, who died two years later, left him the home at No. 640 Fifth avenue and her private fortune. At the time of his death it is thought that his income may have amounted to more than \$150,000 a year.

MARRIED NEW YORK GIRL

He was nearly thirty-eight years old when he met his fate. Miss Edith Stuyvesant Dresser, one of the three beautiful daughters of Col. George Warren Dresser, U. S. A. She was a widow and the widow of one of the most distinguished Knickerbocker families. The meeting took place at the ceremonies attending the jubilee of Queen Victoria and the wedding at the American Church of the Holy Trinity in Paris, June 2, 1888. They had one child, Miss Cornelia Stuyvesant Vanderbilt, born in 1890.

Mr. Vanderbilt took his bride to Biltmore, the estate of 100,000 acres, near Asheville, N. C., which he had set out to make the most notable country place in America. One of his fates was forestry, and he had installed Gifford Pinchot as his forester. The place was said to have cost him \$5,000,000 at the time of his marriage, and he spent as much more on it before he died.

Michigan Sheriff Defends Strike Acts

Houghton, Mich., March 7.—The defense of Sheriff Cruce against charges of non-administration of justice during the strike miners for the month before the congressional investigators this morning. John Hild, who was a mine guard at the Quincy mine, asked he was one of three guards who were shot by strikers at that mine Dec. 10.

WATER RATES VERY LOW TO DANBURY FOLK

Rate Made Lower Because
Works Show Large Margin From Municipal Ownership.

Danbury, March 7.—The board of aldermen concurred with the board of councilmen last evening in voting to reduce the minimum charge for the use of city water to \$4 a year per family, from the former price of \$5. The average charge per family in houses containing modern improvements has been \$11. Under the new rate it will be \$10.

Superintendent D. Frank Stevens, of the water department, informed the aldermen last evening that the present reduction was only a beginning and that it was intended to make further reductions from year to year. The receipts of the department this year would be in the neighborhood of \$50,000, he said, and he said that the future cost of maintaining the department, including provisions for retelling bonds, should not be more than \$35,000 a year. The reduction just made will affect about 6,000 families.

SHELTON STRIKER FIND \$25, COSTS

Judge Walsh Disposes of
Cases of Local Interest

Charged with being one of the disturbers during the recent strike at the Blumenthal mills in Shelton, Joseph Tomello of Shelton was fined \$25 by Judge Walsh in the criminal common pleas court today. He pleaded guilty to the charge of resisting Chief of Police Robbins. In the Shelton court Tomello was sentenced to jail for 15 days and fined \$10.

Robert Alson of Golden Hill street, arrested on complaint of some girls employed in an Elm street factory, pleaded guilty to misbehavior and was fined \$100. In the city court he was sentenced to four months.

Julia Barton of this city pleaded guilty to violation of the liquor law and was fined \$75. In the city court she was sentenced to four months. Walter Stone of this city pleaded guilty to the charge of cruelty to animals. He was arrested on the complaint of Humane Agent Howell, who charged Stone with the killing of a dog. The accused was fined \$35. In the city court his fine was \$10 and costs.

GOLDEN HILL HOTEL, FAMOUS HOSTELRY, WILL BE REOPENED

The Golden Hill hotel is to be reopened. This famous hostelry, once the headquarters of theatrical people who played Bridgeport, and the shelter of many of those most prominent in the national life of a quarter of a century ago, was closed several weeks ago for lack of patronage. George Hoeford, former proprietor of the hotel, who is now in New York, is to be the host of the New Golden Hill hotel.

The interior of the old hotel has been papered, painted and renovated and entirely refitted with new furniture and furnishings. A conditional bill of sale recorded at the town clerk's office today shows that the furnishings of the place were purchased from Arthur Ellwood & Son for \$1,589.48. Mr. Hoeford paid \$100 to bind the bargain and gives a three months' note for the balance. He agrees to make weekly payments until the note, which is payable at the Merchants' National bank of New Haven, is redeemed.

The last proprietor of the hotel was George D. Barr, under whose management it was conducted for more than 30 years.

ST. PETERSBURG CHIEF OF POLICE IS FATALLY SHOT

St. Petersburg, March 7.—Lieut. Col. Chebaleff, chief of police of St. Petersburg, was shot dead today in his office by a junior officer, Lieut. Ivanoff.

The motive for the crime was said to be vengeance.

BANK CALL ISSUED BY THE COMPTROLLER

All National Banks Asked to
Disclose Condition on
March 4.

Washington, March 7.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all National Banks of the United States at the close of business on Wednesday, March 4.

Marconi to Exhibit

Rome, March 7.—William Marconi, the wireless telegraph inventor, announced today that he had decided to participate in the Italian section of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

Captain And 18 Men Of Wrecked Steamer Disappear In Storm

SAFE MAJORITY IN BOTH HOUSES WILL SUSTAIN PRESIDENT

Repeal of Tolls Exemption
Clause Is Believed
Assured

Washington, March 7.—With the Sims bill providing for the repeal of the tolls exemption clause of the Panama Canal act favorably reported to the House and with a poll of the membership in both Houses ready to show a safe majority for repeal, administration leaders were more confident than ever today that Congress would respond favorably to President Wilson's appeal.

This poll, taken by members of the House and Senate who will aid in the fight for repeal, showed, they declare a large majority in both Houses ready to vote for a flat repeal measure at once. The next move of those who are to lead the fight in the House for the repeal provision will be to urge the rules committee to bring in a special rule to expedite its passage. President Wilson had been given the assurance of individual members that they would support him in his effort for repeal but in the light of events in Congress yesterday he was more confident than ever today of the ultimate success of his plan.

NOT LIKELY THAT DERBY IS TO BE HELD FOR DEATH

Investigation into the death of Captain H. H. Rogers killed by automobile driven by Frances Derby on the evening of March 3, was closed today by John J. Phelan, before whom several witnesses appeared.

Though the name of the witness was withheld it is said by the coroner that new facts in the case were brought to light by a chauffeur who was traveling at a dangerous rate of speed when he crossed the tracks on State street. This witness asserted that the car was being driven at a speed of between 20 and 25 miles per hour, contrary to the testimony of other witnesses in the case. It was also alleged that Derby did not slow down as far as could be seen by the witness.

The coroner intimated that his finding would be filed today and that while he would probably find the killing accidental it would be found that Derby was traveling at a dangerous rate of speed considering the location and the hour of the day.

WEST END FOLKS OPPOSE SALOON ON STATE STREET

The application of Christian Rist to open a saloon at 1027 State street in the same building in which the Casino rink is located, has met with opposition on the part of nearby residents. The county commissioners have received a big remonstrance signed by the Advent Christian church, Princeton H. D. Simonds, of the High school, F. E. Beach, H. H. Nettleton, George T. McCarthy, J. M. Sexton, William Chew, W. D. Hurlbert, and Dr. N. E. Worden.

A delegation of remonstrants visited the commissioners this morning under the impression that the hearing was to be held today. They were informed that no date had been assigned for a hearing. The building where Rist wants a license is located on the old circus lot at State street and Worden avenue.

CITY ISSUES 150 MILK LICENSES

During the two months of the new year over 150 licenses to peddle milk within the city limits have been issued by the Board of Health. Many of these renewals have been made to the larger and well known dealers about the city, others and the greater bulk have been issued to farmers and milkmen living in Stratford, Fairfield, Trumbull, Easton and other outlying sections. It is said that the rural supply has greatly increased and is expected that the local milk and meat inspector will have added duties upon his shoulders in keeping a check upon the conditions surrounding production of the supply.

Western Grain Men Want Thorough Probe

Washington, March 7.—At today's hearing on Representative Mahan's resolution for congressional investigation of the Chicago, Duluth & Minneapolis grain exchanges, counsel for the middle western grain farmers urged a full investigation and said that the farmers wanted to find out just what the effect of eliminating of future dealings in grain would be.

U. S. CUTTER IS HUNTING LOST CREW IN SNOW

Three Connecticut Men
Among Officers In Missing Long Boat

MATE, RESCUED, TELLS OF LOSING STRUGGLE

Poor Engines and Leaking
Hull Sent Craft Inshore,
He Declares

New London, March 7.—Walter G. Dolbeare, of 203 Crystal avenue, of this city, was the first assistant engineer of the wrecked steamer Tower. He left Bath, Me., on the boat Dec. 10, 1913. His wife resides here and when the news of the disaster was told to her today she was prostrated.

Harry C. Albin, formerly of 342 Bank street, this city, who removed to New Haven, is second assistant engineer and Harry Wilbur, of Mystic, is chief engineer.

Seaside Park, N. J., March 7.—Captain Murphy and 17 members of the crew of the steamer Chateaugay Tower, Jr., which sank near here today, are adrift on the ocean in an open boat. The last seen of them were going out to sea in a southeasterly direction. The steamer sank in 50 feet of water, three-quarters of a mile from shore between Cedar Creek and Forked River life-saving stations, six miles south of here.

H. B. Thompson, of Brooklyn, first mate, and three of the members of the crew were brought ashore.

The revenue cutter Itasca reached the scene after the steamer sank. The commander of the cutter was signaled from shore of the predicament of the 18 men, and the Itasca put to sea to search for them.

Captain Murphy of the Tower and seventeen men took to the longest. It was so overcrowded that they were afraid to try landing on the first of two sand bars where the steamer sank, and hung about the turbulent sea would subside. Snow fell and, when last seen, the men were so cold they could not use the oars and therefore could not control the craft. Unless found by the revenue cutters or some steamer it is believed here all will perish.

The Tower was owned by the Southern Transportation Company, with which Charles W. Morgan of New York is identified. It is said this was the first trip of the steamer in six years and that the crew was new to the officers.

Thompson, mate of the Tower, after he came ashore, talked about the ship. He said the repairs to the machinery at Hampton Roads were hasty and not well done. The engines were too soon after putting to sea and this condition, combined with heavy seas, due to the storm, resulted in the wreck.

The ship sprang leaks. Water poured into the hull as though a deluge. The steam pumps kept her going for a while. Then, with the aid of hand pumps, the crew tried desperately to fight back the rushing water but it finally reached the engines.

Captain Murphy, realizing the danger, steered the boat toward the coast Friday morning and sent a wireless call for help to the Sagadahoc life-saving station.

Ordinance to Make Trust Cos. City Depositories

The public hearings before the ordinance committee of the common council on the proposed ordinance to make trust companies depositories for city funds as well as national banks, and on an ordinance forbidding the sale of dipped milk, have been postponed from Tuesday until Wednesday evening.

Aldermen Confer Over Death of Ice Plant

Aldermen Whitney, Miller and Moore were named today by Mayor Wilson as a committee to confer with City Attorney Connelley on an amendment to the city charter to permit the city to establish a municipal ice plant. The proposed amendment after it is drafted will be taken before the next session of the legislature for approval.